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INTELLIGENCE NOTE: MOSCOW BEGINS RUSSIAN LANGUAGE BROADCASTS TO CUBA

Radio Moscow today began a series of daily half-hour programs in Russian on the frequencies previously used for Spanish-language programs beamed to Cuba. The new broadcast is described as a "transmission for Soviet citizens outside our country."

For Soviets in Cuba. Although the initial program did not specifically identify its target audience, it is apparently intended for Soviet personnel in Cuba. The Soviet Union broadcasts Russian-language programs to special audiences such as the Soviet forces in Germany, merchant seamen, and expatriates, as well as Russian-language material on its international service frequencies which are not specifically addressed to any particular audience.

Soviet Presence in Spain. While the inauguration of the new program does not carry any implication that Moscow is reneging on its promise to withdraw several thousand troops from Cuba, it indicates that there is no Soviet intention at present to withdraw all their personnel and that a substantial number of Soviets will be staying on after the withdrawal is completed.

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